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TYLER KES | THE PARTHENON
Jasmine Hairston, political science major from La Plata, Md., takes a break from class to read and relax on Buskirk Field.

Pathways Project continues with presentation

BY BRITTANEE BARTON
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University is working toward university reaccreditation in 2015 through a new program, Higher Learning Commission Open Pathways.

Several university officials attended a conference in Chicago on March 29 and 30 to share the progress Marshall has made thus far.

The first step in this reaccreditation process is referred to as the quality initiative. Marshall is working to restructure course outcomes to better align with the capstone experience. The intent is for students in a class sequence. Marshall is placed in a cohort with 20

schools and seven of the 20 presented their version of the quality initiative at this conference for peer review.

Each school developed their own project for the quality initiative task, which ends June 2013. Mary Todd, dean of the Honors College, presented for Marshall and said there was a wide variety of quality initiatives among schools.

"We're testing the degree profile in 20 different ways, which is the nice thing about this," Todd said. "They didn't tell us how to do it. They said this is what is going to be called your first quality initiative."

For example, Miami University used focus groups, while Marshall chose to revise class syllabi to reflect desired learning outcomes.

To date, 81 of the 92 programs at Marshall have participated, submitting 300 courses.

Provost Gayle Ormiston said there are long-term implications of the restructuring of course objectives.

"We have to be able to link our course descriptions to the learning outcomes," Ormiston said. "When a student looks at a plan of study, they can hyperlink to specific courses and the master syllabi for those courses. There, they will find essential elements and learning outcomes of a course."

Attendees of the conference included Todd, Ormiston, President Stephen Kopp, director of academic assessment, Mary Beth Reynolds and dean of the Graduate College Donna Spindel.

Ormiston said the realignment of course objectives is to make plans of study more clear.

"The real goal is to give them as much information about what a student can expect to be exposed to and what they will be expected to learn by attending and participating in that class and that major," Ormiston said.

Todd said the project has helped the university think about learning.

"The real question this project addresses is not necessarily 'what is the meaning of a Marshall degree,' but what constitutes learning," Todd said.

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June Harless Center receives new grant

BY HILARY FREEMAN
THE PARTHENON

The June Harless Center for Rural Educational Research and Development has received a grant to assist several West Virginia counties to students in science.

The Improving Teacher Quality State Grant for \$69,231 was given to the June Harless Center to assist implementing the use of full option science system for students in the classroom.

"Teachers will be provided training through the summer and school year," Holly Moore, chief of professional development for the June Harless Center, said in a press release. "Then kits will be purchased for their classrooms and they will be implementing their kits. The activities (of FOSS) are organized into kits that allows the learner to explore different science topics."

The full option science system was introduced at the University of California-Berkeley campus with

the National Science Foundation and seeks to make science learning an active process.

"Project MASS (Math and Science Success) seeks to capitalize on the expertise of teachers in Cabell County who have already implemented kit based science," Moore said.

The grant specifically focuses training teachers of third, fourth and fifth grade students in Cabell, Lincoln and Mason counties to use FOSS.

One aspect of this grant is the Cabell County teachers,

who have already begun implementing these kits, will be training the teachers from Lincoln and Mason counties on how to successfully use these kits in their classrooms, Moore said.

"It is a highly integrated curriculum that incorporates the processes of reading and mathematics, as well as integrates the common core standards and 21st century learning," Moore said. "The goal of the grant is to promote STEM (Science, Technology,

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AUTISM AWARENESS



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The John Marshall statue glows blue in support of Autism Awareness Month.

Marshall University takes a break from kelly green

BY ASHLEY FOSTER
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University has changed the lights that shine on the John Marshall statue, as well as the three signs along 16th Street in support of Autism Awareness month.

As people drive by the university at night they will notice Marshall's lights now shine bright blue instead of white this month. April is the official Autism Awareness month and many Marshall students have stepped forward to support the cause.

Ray Harrell, student body president, said after getting the lights approved by the Marshall University Presidents office, he personally put up the lights along with the help of the girls of Alpha Xi Delta.

"It is important for everyone to be aware of how prevalent autism is in the world," Harrell said. "Marshall is one of the keystones in our community, and if Marshall is aware of the effects of autism, then others will have

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NEWS

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SGA proposes new program

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The Marshall University Student Government Association proposed a new senate apprenticeship program that will allow freshmen to familiarize themselves with the student senate.

At the SGA meeting Tuesday, the student senate decided to disband the freshman council, which was a separate branch of the SGA specifically for freshmen, because of lack of involvement and the inability of the council to meet its objectives. The freshman council had not formally met since the beginning of the semester.

The plan was to replace the freshman council because of its ineffectiveness and present in its place a program that will properly educate first semester freshman to become more knowledgeable senators upon their opportunity to join the student senate.

Elisha Hassan, sophomore international economics major from Huntington, said he looks forward to the new program.

“As a former member of the freshman council, I believe this will be highly beneficial not only to the student senate, but the freshmen as well,” Hassan said. “It will give them a more hands on opportunity to learn how the SGA and student senate operate so when they have the option to join the SGA, they understand the process in a more clear manner.”

Freshman interested in becoming a part of the SGA will have the option to apply online at the SGA’s website for at-large seats in the senate and will follow the same process any other student interested would follow.

“I’m very pleased that the Senate has adopted my and Senator Hassan’s new Senate Apprenticeship Program,” said Ray Harrell, Jr., student body president. “First semester freshmen will now be able to get involved with the SGA like never before and fast track their full membership in to the Student Senate.”

Career Services staff assists in informational session with Amazon

BY MARISSA DEMARIA
THE PARTHENON

The Career Services staff will continue to serve as a liaison to the job market for Marshall University students and alumni this Wednesday.

In order to accommodate the growing number of students in need of employment, Career Services has worked with Amazon.com representatives to set up an information session about the company’s upcoming management opportunities.

According to Debby Stoler, assistant director of development and outreach for Career Services, Amazon.com has entry-level management positions, which need to be filled by recent or soon to be graduates.

“This is a great

opportunity to start a career in management and stay in the Huntington area,” Stoler said.

While the information session has been outlined as a forum for students to inquire about prospective job opportunities, Career Services graduate assistant April Biser said this could be beneficial even to the ‘undecided’ graduate.

“For those students who are not quite sure what their future holds for them, the information session is a great way to see what opportunities are available,” Biser said.

Once a student has completed their coursework, it is likely they will seek employment with an array of agencies or organizations. It might also be likely some of those jobs will be outside of a student’s discipline.

“The information is a great way to see what opportunities are available.”

> APRIL BISER

outside of the disciplines of management or marketing, according to Stoler, this session might be a beneficial option for those students as well.

Stoler said that while students in the college of business might primarily be interested in the positions with Amazon, the company is still very open to students in other disciplines applying for their opportunities.

According to the Career Services website, the session has been organized as an ‘information only’

event and students can dress casually, ready to inquire about prospective opportunities with Amazon.com.

The information session will take place from 4 p.m. through 5 p.m. Wednesday in the Marshall University Memorial Student Center, room 2W22.

For a description of the job the Amazon.com representative plans to speak about, students can reference the Career Services website.

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Students now able to receive tax return guidance on campus

THE PARTHENON

Each week, students can receive help and guidance through their tax return process by attending on campus programs.

The Beta Alpha Psi fraternity will be hosting The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, each and every Tuesday and Thursday until April 17.

These programs have been happening on campus in Corbly Hall every Tuesday and Thursday since before spring break.

Jon Perry business senior from Huntington, said he has helped people do their taxes in the past, and he is excited he will actually be able to do it with IRS-approved software.

According to the Beta Alpha Psi fraternity there is no need to make an appointment.

“You basically come in and attend the meeting,” Perry said.

The VITA program is

open to all students, faculty, staff and community members with less than \$50,000 in household income for 2011.

The April 17 deadline for taxes is approaching, as students and staff hustle to fill out their tax forms.

Every Tuesday and Thursday evening, Beta Alpha Psi has been hosting tax clinics to help students get their taxes done accurately and in a quick fashion for no price at all.

From 6:30 p.m. through 9 p.m. Tuesdays in Corbly Hall room 240, students can gain knowledge, help and tips from the program.

During the Thursday evening programs from 6:30 p.m. through 9 p.m. Thursday in Corbly Hall room 241 students, faculty, and staff go through what is called a, “Assisted Self-Preparation” plan.

According to the VITA program, “no matter which night you choose,

you will have a team of well-qualified Marshall University finance and accounting students at your side to answer questions and make sure you receive high quality tax preparation services.”

The VITA program works with helping students, faculty and staff to have their taxes prepared by IRS-trained-and-certified student volunteers. With the advancements in technology, using IRS-approved software.

The VITA program is able to offer E-Filing and direct deposit of tax refunds, where they can also prepare many types of simple personal tax returns, including foreign student returns.

In order to have students’, faculty and staff members taxes prepared, they must provide a state-issued photo ID, social security card and any tax documents. For instance, W-2s, IRS tuition forms, or unemployment income records.

George Zimmerman’s attorneys sever ties

BY STEVE PADILLA
LOS ANGELES TIMES
(MCT)

LOS ANGELES – Two lawyers who had been representing George Zimmerman, the neighborhood watch volunteer who shot Trayvon Martin in Sanford, Fla., said Tuesday that their client had cut off contact with them and that they were no longer his legal counsel.

Attorneys Craig Sonner and Hal Uhrig said in a televised news conference Tuesday afternoon in Florida that Zimmerman was not returning their email or telephone calls. They have not been in contact with him since Sunday night.

“I’ve lost contact with him at this point,” Sonner said.

“Whenever we call him, the call goes to voicemail,” Uhrig said.

Uhrig added that he still believes Zimmerman acted in self-defense when he shot and killed the unarmed teenager in February. Some people have charged that Martin was a victim of racial profiling and have



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Attorneys Craig Sonner, left, and Hal Uhrig talk to the media on Tuesday, April 10, 2012, in front of the Seminole County Courthouse in Sanford, Fla. The pair is dropping the case of George Zimmerman, saying they’ve lost contact with Trayvon Martin’s shooter.

demanding that authorities arrest Zimmerman. Although friends and family members of Zimmerman have spoken out in support of him, he has remained in seclusion for weeks.

Uhrig added that he and Sonner could no longer work with Zimmerman given his lack of communication and his failure to follow their advice.

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FINISHING STRONG

Despite slow start, men's golf looks to conclude season on high note

FILE PHOTO

Senior co-captain Bosten Miller holds his follow-through after a shot in the 2010 season. Miller and the team will head to Ohio State University on Friday for a match leading up to the C-USA Tournament on April 22 through April 24.

BY JARROD CLAY
THE PARTHENON

The Thundering Herd men's golf team got out of the gate slow in its spring season, but with just two tournaments remaining, the team has started to find its groove on the golf course.

The 2012 season started off rough for the Herd, as it finished last in its first two outings of the season. Marshall was the last of 17 teams in its debut in the Wexford Intercollegiate Tournament and was the last of 12 at the Pinehurst Intercollegiate.

"We had a pretty decent fall season," said Marshall men's head golf coach Joe Feaganes. "We were definitely on the plus side in the fall and then our first two tournaments this spring we had really poor performances. We finished dead last at Hilton Head and at Pinehurst which is something you never want to do."

Despite the woeful start to the season the Herd has started to build some momentum in its last two outings.

"The last two tournaments we've played at Furman we tied for eleventh out of 21 teams," Feaganes said. "It was a very strong field there so we were pleased with that. Down in Florida over spring break in Florida Atlantic's tournament we had it really going in one round and we were ten under through 12 holes and let it slip away at the end."

To the average person on the street, it may seem as if those results are middle of the road, but the Herd is not looking at it with the same eyes. In the Furman Intercollegiate finished 11th out of the 21 teams.

While most would see this as Marshall losing to 10 teams, the Herd has a more optimistic outlook, viewing the finish as defeating nine teams. And when taking

that outlook on the tournaments, the Thundering Herd has gained the confidence back they lost the first two tournaments.

"There's no doubt we have some confidence now," Feaganes said. "I think that we were all pretty down trodden after our performance those first two tournaments. I think the way we played at Furman and in the Florida tournament definitely built the confidence level back up to where I think everybody's geared up and ready to go."

The Herd has one more competition remaining before heading to Texarkana, Ark., for the Conference USA Tournament.

Marshall will play its final regular season tournament at Ohio State's Scarlet Course in the Kepler Invitational.

"I think it could just add to our confidence level this weekend," Feaganes said. "It's going to be a great field on a great golf course, Ohio State's course is one of the best college courses in the country, so I think if we can go up there and play respectable it will certainly add the confidence level going into the conference championship."

Leading the way for the Herd the entire season has been senior Bosten Miller. Miller had an excellent fall, but found himself frustrated the first few weeks of the spring season.

However, after working out a few kinks in his game Miller is back on top of his game. The Charleston native leads Marshall averaging just under 73 strokes per round.

As a senior Miller only has two tournaments remaining as a collegiate athlete and said he looks to take full advantage, both at Ohio State and at the C-USA Tournament.

"These spring tournaments haven't been too good for me," Miller said. "I'd been struggling with tee shots. The

past few times I've played it's been a lot better. It'd be great to win another one, but just to finish high and be in the top 10 in the last couple tournament, so I could feel like I went out with a bit of a bang."

In his four seasons at Marshall, Miller said his biggest influence on the course has been his coach, Joe Feaganes.

"It's been great playing for coach, Miller said. "He knows just about every situation you could get yourself into, and he's pretty good at cheering you up after you did pretty bad. My time here with him has been pretty great."

Feaganes is in his fortieth season at the helm of the Herd, and said a player like Bosten Miller does not come along very often for a coach.

"I think Boston typifies the true meaning of a student athlete," Feaganes said. "Not only is he a good player on the course, but he's been a good example for all the rest of the kinds on the team to look up to. With his gold and his academics you couldn't ask for any better."

If the Thundering Herd hopes to make a move in the coming weeks it will have to rely heavily on Miller, especially in the conference tournament. Feaganes said C-USA is a supreme golf conference, and Marshall will have to bring its best.

"Conference USA is one of the better conferences for golf in the country and we could go to the tournament and play pretty darn good and still finish last, that's just reality," Feaganes said.

The Thundering Herd will play in its final regular season tournament at Ohio State April 14-15, and will wrap up play with the Conference USA Tournament April 22-24.

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Holmes finds home at 'mike' linebacker



JERMAINE HOLMES

THE PARTHENON

One of the defensive players who has been making a splash during the spring practice sessions is sophomore linebacker Jermaine Holmes.

The Valdosta, Ga. native has been mixing in and out with the first team, and Holliday and Rippon are happy with the steps he's taken since the end of the season.

"I see a young guy who's

starting to understand the total package of the defense," Holliday said. "I see a guy who's not thinking near as much, and he's playing harder because of it. He's a talented guy that's dropped 10 lbs., and he's running a lot better than he was at 245."

"Doing very well in the sense that he's progressed a lot," Rippon said. "But if you put it into perspective, he's still got a long way to go. His confidence is growing every

day, and more importantly the defense's confidence in him is growing every day. He's being more assertive. Last year, we didn't let him make any of the calls, Tyson (Gale) did, and in our defense, the mike linebacker is the guy. Jermaine is starting to take control of the defense."

Gale has remained with the team and is working with the wideouts, but Rippon credits Gale for helping with Holmes progression.

"Tyson is a Marshall guy," Rippon said. "Tyson was a phenomenal team guy, excellent linebacker and smart, and he's still very close with those guys. Jermaine Holmes wouldn't one, probably still be here, and number two, be the player he was if it wasn't

for Tyson's tutelage. There's a very special bond there between them."

Holmes will face his first true test at the middle linebacker spot Sept. 1 in Morgantown, W.Va., against the West Virginia Mountaineers.

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EDITORIAL

Recent story on U.S. training terrorists in Nev. is shameful

It has been revealed that under the Bush administration the United States helped train a terrorist group that has been linked to the deaths of Americans and Iranian nuclear scientists. This was revealed after investigative reporter and Pulitzer Prize winner Seymour Hersh filed a story a blog for "The New Yorker" linking the U.S. to the terrorist group MEK. Members of MEK were trained in Nevada and have been used as "surrogates" in Iran for the U.S., according to Hersh.

Recently, the MEK was linked to the killings of several Iranian nuclear scientists that sparked public outrage by Iranians and some in the U.S. The U.S. claimed it had nothing to do with the murders in Iran, however, since the story has emerged it has been proven that the U.S. helped train the individuals in the group responsible for the killings of the scientists. This presents quite the paradox for the U.S.: We fight terrorism abroad in the name of freedom, yet we train terrorists on our own soil. The irony of this occurring during the Bush Administration, which stripped citizens of basic civil liberties with the Patriot

Act, is unexpected, but not surprising.

MEK has been on the state department's list of terrorist organizations for the last 15 years. There is an overlap here. While the MEK was on the state department's list, they were being trained secretly in at a Nevada base in 2004 and early 2005. Hersh said the U.S. tends to "encourage insurrection abroad" in Iran by groups like MEK to further its intelligence regarding the Iranian regime. The MEK has also been linked to using explosives that were created by the U.S., most notably in the case of the Iranian nuclear scientist. "It's not an accident that these weapons can be traced to the Navy Seals," Hersh said in an interview on "Democracy Now!." The training of MEK stopped under the Obama administration.

Hersh's work deserves praise. In an age dominated by corporate media afraid of stories that reveal wrong doings of large businesses and the U.S. government, this story reveals that the U.S. is not how it always says it is. Although we claim to fight terrorism it seems that with this, we bolstered it by training assassins on our own "free" soil.

COLUMN

Thank goodness, Santorum is out

BY KATIE QUINONEZ
NEWS EDITOR

GOP presidential hopeful Rick Santorum held back tears Tuesday as he announced he would be suspending his presidential campaign.

Santorum did not specify why he would be dropping out of the race, though he did make mention of wanting to focus on family, with his three-year-old daughter Ella's recent return home from the hospital after suffering from pneumonia.

Santorum lasted longer in the race than anyone could have possibly anticipated. In fact, political experts had predicted that he would drop out of the race an approximate three months earlier.

He did not suspend his campaign after losing a particular state, and he even snagged 11 states during his run. Santorum even secured a lead in the polls of opponent Mitt Romney's home state of Michigan. He won the hearts of many southern, religious ultra-conservatives with his stringent views on abortion, birth control and gay marriage.

With all that being said, I would like to add: It's about damn time.

It's no surprise that Santorum was bested by Romney. Santorum's outlandish views on, well, just about everything made him a little unpopular to more moderate conservatives and strike fear into the hearts of liberals.

Proponents of Santorum's campaign have cited that his lack of campaign funds contributed to the detriment of his

campaign. As of Feb. 29, Santorum had received a total of \$15.6 million in campaign contributions.

This amount is downright minuscule in comparison to Romney's \$75.3 million.

Additionally, Romney's negative political ads that attacked Santorum, focusing on his 17-point loss to Bob Casey, Jr. (D-Penn.) in the 2006 United States Senate Election of Pennsylvania, despite the fact that he was the incumbent. In addition to this embarrassing statistic, Santorum lost his home county by 30 points.

But, let us not be blinded by these defensive theories postulated by Santorum supporters. He was crazy and slightly terrifying from the start. Personally offensive to me as a woman, his complete disregard for women's reproductive and human rights was appalling. Remember, Santorum wanted outlaw abortion in cases of rape or incest. He also supported legislation that would allow employers to deny contraception and other health care in the name of moral reasons.

Santorum has been very vocal in his belief that there should be less of a separation between church and state, further making it unlikely that he could be considered a serious presidential candidate.

While I rejoice in the fact that the possibility of Santorum being elected has been eliminated, this presidential race is still grim.

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COLUMN

Consumerism is a disease for many

BY KELSEY THOMAS
LIFE! EDITOR

The other day, I entered Target with no specific goal in mind other than to purposelessly peruse the aisles. Except for we all know that's impossible, because Target knows people are going to wander in their store — people expecting to take a break from the stuffy atmosphere of their home, maybe bump into a friend or two and then return home empty-handed. Target's goal is to make sure those people show up at the check-out with a handful of miscellaneous odds and ends, frustratingly dumping them onto the counter and telling the cashier as the neon green total flashes onto the screen, "I only came in here for one thing, and ,holy cow ,I've spent \$50."

I'm often a victim of this myself — a helpless one, I might add. So where did I find myself upon arrival in the shopping mecca known as Target? First, in the clothing section, complete with huge posters mounted on the walls of attractive, free-spirited, young women wearing the same dress I tried on the last time I was there, looking

infinitely more attractive in it than I. Dressed in my everyday attire of running shorts and a sweatshirt, I walked away with a little black dress in hand, blaming nothing but the signs on the wall for their "inspiration."

Next thing I know, I'm in the shoe department trying on five-inch heels. Trying them on quickly became plucking them off the shelf and placing them under my arm to accompany me to another area of the store. "I'll carry these with me and think about it," I thought to myself. I'm sure you know how this one ends.

Little black dress AND five-inch heels in hand, my next destination is the makeup department. For you girls reading, you know this department is especially treacherous territory. I cannot count the number of times I have left a store with a random assortment of makeup goodies — all unnecessary, I might add. On this particular day, I was not able to escape the department unscathed. An airbrushed Jessica Alba and absolutely glowing Zooey Deschanel somehow convinced me — that my skin

could look like theirs, that maybe I just hadn't bought the right products the last five times I had tried a new powder.

After many trips up and down the same three aisles of beige-colored products, passing the same four women looking equally disgruntled, I finally emerged with a little glass jar of foundation. One that — upon my arrival home — did not make me look like Jessica Alba OR Zooey Deschanel. Who could have guessed.

Now I'm swiping my debit card for a nearly \$50 charge, leaving the store with one little black dress AND one pair of five-inch heels AND one bottle of crappy foundation. And what's so wrong with that? Well, I've only worn a dress to class once, and I felt awkward. I rarely wear heels, only for the specialist of occasions, and never simply for the hell of it. And as for the makeup, I've got three more bottles at home — probably with the same ingredients, just a different label — that have gone unused.

My point in telling you all of this is that the way stores market themselves and their

products is mind-blowingly manipulative. And genius. Think about it. I went into Target not needing a thing, and walked out with three items I just could not put down. Items that will join the army of yet-to-be-untagged-clothes in my closet. Congratulations Target! You win! I left your store \$50 poorer than when I entered.

Don't get me wrong. Advertising is a necessary component of any product, store, business — you name it, advertising usually comes along with it. But I think it is very important to be aware of the effect that it has on us as consumers. I left Target that day knowing I was a victim of consumerism, yet still felt some sort of fulfillment with my purchases — a fleeting fulfillment, of course. Do we really need the things we buy, or do we just think we do because society tells us we do? Do we make purchases for some sort of emotional satisfaction? Next time you're at the check-out with a handful of things you didn't intend to buy, ask yourself why.

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With Santorum out, it's finally Romney and Obama in the race

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WASHINGTON — The general election campaign — President Barack Obama vs. Mitt Romney — officially began Tuesday afternoon.

It's been stirring for a while, as the two combatants have been blasting away at each other. But with Rick Santorum, Romney's chief rival for the Republican nomination, leaving the race, the former Massachusetts governor is now free to aim squarely at Obama.

Former House of Representatives Speaker Newt Gingrich and Texas U.S. Rep. Ron Paul remain GOP contenders, but neither has shown much ability to win votes.

"Dr. Paul is now the last — and real — conservative alternative to Mitt Romney," Paul's campaign said in a statement on Santorum's exit from the race. Gingrich tweeted, "It's now a two person race."

The convention delegate count suggests otherwise. Romney has 661 delegates to August's Republican National Convention so far, according to an Associated Press count, and he needs 1,144 to win. He praised Santorum on Tuesday as an "able and worthy competitor." Santorum won 285 delegates, Gingrich has 136

and Paul has 51.

So the brawl to the November finish is on. Just before Santorum announced his decision, Obama was eyeing Romney, telling a campaign event in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., "There are contrasting visions here."

The president said, "This election will probably have the biggest contrast that we've seen maybe since the Johnson-Goldwater election. Maybe before that."

The late Arizona Sen. Barry Goldwater, a staunch conservative Republican, ran against President Lyndon Johnson, who had strong liberal support, in 1964. Johnson won in a landslide.

While Obama didn't mention Romney by name Tuesday, his campaign did.

"It's no surprise that Mitt Romney finally was able to grind down his opponents under an avalanche of negative ads. But neither he nor his special interest allies will be able to buy the presidency with their negative attacks," campaign manager Jim Messina said.

"The more the American people see of Mitt Romney, the less they like him and the less they trust him," he said.

At roughly the same time that Obama spoke Tuesday, Romney supporters were briefing the news media on

the differences between the candidates.

"There's a sense of a lack of opportunity in the country," former Missouri Sen. Jim Talent charged. "The president's policies have burdened the economy."

Obama defends his major initiatives — the 2009 economic stimulus and the 2010 federal health care law among them — while saying that the economy is improving.

Romney counters that the Obama measures were nothing more than big government initiatives funded by out-of-control spending and the economy isn't as robust as it could be.

At the moment, Obama is the race's slight favorite, but Romney is very much in the running. An ABC News-Washington Post poll taken from last Thursday through Sunday found that by 49 percent to 37 percent, voters thought that Obama better understands the economic problems that people in the country are having.

The margin shrunk to a 46 percent to 43 percent advantage when voters were asked whom they trusted to do a better job creating employment.

Tuesday's chief drama came from Santorum, who had shocked the political world by rising from the back of the GOP presidential pack to threaten

Romney. He told a rally in Gettysburg, Pa., that he'd decided to suspend his campaign over a weekend in which he'd tended to his gravely ill daughter, Bella, who suffers from a rare genetic disorder.

With streaks of confidence and defiance that typified his improbable campaign, the former two-term Pennsylvania senator told a news conference, "We will suspend our campaign effective today. We are not done fighting."

In the end, Santorum was forced to end his campaign because he failed to do what he said no other 2012 Republican presidential candidate could do in the general election: win in Rust Belt states such as Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and his home state.

He'd touted his ability to win two Senate terms in what was then a largely Democratic state. But his exit came two weeks before Pennsylvania's primary, and he'd lost his bid for a third Senate term in 2006 in a crushing 18-point defeat to Democrat Bob Casey.

Polls in the Keystone State had found Santorum slipping even before Romney and his supporters dipped into the former Massachusetts' governor's campaign war chest to unleash a barrage of television ads against his rival.

In February, Santorum led Romney 46 percent to 16 percent in a poll by Pennsylvania's Franklin & Marshall College. By March, Santorum's lead had evaporated, and he led Romney by 2 percentage points, a statistical dead heat.

"A month ago he was on top of the world with the wins in Alabama and Mississippi," said G. Terry Madonna, the director of the college's Center for Politics and Public Affairs. "A month later he goes off message talking about men's and women's emotions in combat, about Obama's religion, about contraceptives. I think one-third of voters being moderate and liberal, where does that leave him?"

The 53-year-old former senator's rise and fall proved a spectacular story this year. He traveled around Iowa, the site of the nation's first 2012 caucus, throughout last year, stopping to talk to handfuls of people at a time.

One by one, his chief rivals for the conservative mantle faded. Minnesota U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann won August's Iowa straw poll, usually a launch pad for a strong candidacy. But as Texas Gov. Rick Perry began his presidential bid the same day, Bachmann found herself buried under the publicity that the newest party curiosity attracted.

Perry faded, too, after

a series of brutal debate performances. Then would come businessman Herman Cain, felled by allegations of sexual harassment and marital infidelity, and Gingrich, who led briefly in most polls. Santorum's message of unapologetic conservatism — and his long record of activism against abortion and other social issues dear to conservatives — made him a serious contender.

He won Iowa — though it originally was reported as a loss — and found himself in a battle with Gingrich for conservatives.

Gingrich faded, and a pattern emerged: In states such as Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana, where evangelical Christians make up a large chunk of the GOP primary vote, Santorum won.

But in states where they were less influential — notably Ohio, Michigan, Florida and Wisconsin — he lost. He could never broaden his appeal to the more mainstream voters whom Romney was able to attract. Nor was he able to counter Romney's ad blitz effectively. Romney and his supporters outspent Santorum by massive amounts in many states.

The pattern kept repeating in state after state: losses in more diverse states, victories in more conservative states.

Judge OKs settlement to release report on UC Davis pepper spray case

By LARRY GORDON LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

LOS ANGELES — An Alameda County Superior Court judge has approved a settlement between the University of California and its police union that will allow the release Wednesday of an investigative report about the pepper-spraying of student protesters at UC Davis.

As a result of the agreement, officials will omit the names of most of the campus police officers

involved in the November incident but will not redact any policy findings.

The judge's approval Tuesday morning in an Oakland courtroom put an end to a month-long legal fight. It also means that plans will proceed to release the report online at noon PDT Wednesday and at a campus forum later Wednesday afternoon. Retired state Supreme Court Justice Cruz Reynoso, who headed the task force that examined the pepper-spraying of Occupy demonstrators,

is expected to present his findings to students and faculty.

John Bakhit, the attorney for the Federated University Police Officers Association, said the union achieved its major goal of protecting the identities of most of the officers and shielding them from possible harassment and danger. Only the names of Lt. John Pike, the officer shown spraying students in a much-viewed online video, and that of UC Davis Police Chief Annette Spicuzza would be

included in the report. The union also agreed not to appeal a previous court ruling that mainly went against its goal of keeping portions of the report confidential.

UC spokeswoman Diane Klein said the university was pleased that the settlement will allow the original report, except for those names, released with all its policy findings intact. "This compromise was in the public interest," she said. "We are getting it out and that's what we wanted from the get-go."

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Uhlig said the final straw was Zimmerman's decision to contact the special prosecutor reviewing the case. He had been advised to stay away from the prosecutor.

"We heard today Zimmerman contacted the prosecutor's office directly," Uhlig said.

That bit of news left the

attorneys "a bit astonished," Uhlig said. He added that the special prosecutor's office declined to speak with Zimmerman without counsel. Uhlig praised the office for that decision.

Zimmerman surprised his former attorneys in another way as well. They learned Tuesday that a website had been created to accept donations for Zimmerman's defense.

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engineering and Mathematics) instruction by actively engaging students in constructing ideas through their own inquiries, investigations and analyses."

Along with Cabell County teachers, some Marshall professors will also be helping with the training of educators to implement these kits in their classroom.

"Mathematics and science professors from Marshall will also assist

with the training by providing support in content development," Moore said. "The grant will provide summer training sessions as well as follow-up sessions throughout the school year."

The project is a collaboration of the June Harless

Center, the West Virginia Education Policy Commission, Cabell County Public Schools, Lincoln County Public Schools and Mason County Public Schools, Moore said.

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the opportunity to be educated as well."

Harrell is also a member of Phi Kappa Phi, whose philanthropy is helping people who have disabilities through Push America.

The new Marshall lights were not the first to change, however. This flood of blue started when Alpha Xi Delta changed the lights on their

sorority house to blue earlier last week. Erica Law, President of Alpha Xi Delta, came up with the idea to change Marshall's lights as well after she and her sorority completed their area wide training earlier this year.

"I thought this could be a great way to get more people involved in Autism Awareness," Law said. "One in 88 people in the world are affected by autism. Even if they don't have autism themselves, they are touched by either

a friend or family member. More people in the world actually have Autism than Children's cancer. That's why it is important take action to support the finding of a cure."

Alpha Xi Delta plans to continue various fundraising efforts to support Autism Awareness throughout the month of April, including a bake sale in the Marshall Student Center on the 18th and 19th.

Marshall is not the only one taking action to raise Autism

Awareness this year. The Empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty in New York City have changed their lights to blue along with the Sydney Opera House in Australia.

Companies and organizations all over the world are raising awareness for autism this year. More information about Autism Awareness Month can be found at www.autismspeaks.org.

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EARTH DAY 2012



INFORMATION GATHERED BY SHANE ARRINGTON

Marshall University Park and Recreation Organization for Students is organizing a campus-wide Earth Day celebration April 18.

Across campus, there will be activities promoting environmental awareness through information booths, as well as games with prizes.

The Earth Day events span a variety of topics on everything from local wildlife presentations to how to plant trees.

MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER PLAZA

10 A.M.
WeCar
Three-River Avian

11 A.M. - 4 P.M.
AEP Home Energy
Healthy Life
Knots
WeCar
Three-River Avian
Bike Generator

BUSKIRK FIELD

10 A.M. - 1 P.M.
WVU Extension display
SEAC/ROTC rain barrel/garden display

11 A.M. - 1 P.M.
WVU Extension display
MESA tie-dye
SEAC/ROTC rain barrel/garden display

1 P.M. - 3 P.M.
Campsite

MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER LOBBY

10 A.M. - 11 A.M.
Master Gardeners
Huntington Community Gardens
Recycling
OVEC
Ecocycle
GPS activity
Reptiles display
Trees/plants
Backyard habitat

NOON - 1 P.M.
Backyard Habitat

NOON - 3 P.M.
Master Gardeners
Huntington Community Gardens
Recycling
OVEC
Ecocycle
GPS activity
VA Tech food summit



BORN TO RUN

Marshall student to run Boston Marathon

BY CHRISTINA CARRION
THE PARTHENON

Ricky Campbell, junior mathematics major from St. Albans, W.Va., will run in the Boston Marathon on April 16.

"The Boston Marathon is the big show," Campbell said. "I just want to be able to say 'hey, I've done it and I'm only 21.' Not many people my age can say that." The Boston Marathon will be his fifth marathon.

Campbell said he was encouraged by fellow runners during a Cincinnati marathon to enter the Boston Marathon.

"You can go anywhere and (run)," Campbell said. "It's not a team thing, it's just individual." A family support group

will travel with Campbell and said they hope to go sightseeing after the race.

Campbell said he finds motivation in the stories of obese individuals becoming active and eventually running in a 5K. He said he believes students should take the initiative to become more active.

"If anyone can (make that lifestyle change), then I think college students should be able to do it," Campbell said. "I don't see a lot of college students doing anything, and it's kind of upsetting." "Running makes you feel good," Campbell said and advocates there are many benefits to running. It battles obesity and reduces high blood pressure and cholesterol.

Running alleviates his stress from school, Campbell said.

"I can focus better after my 6 a.m. run rather than if I don't do it," Campbell said.

Not only does Campbell run 5Ks, he also creates them. After a hunting accident killed his wrestling teammate, Campbell created a 5K in his honor. The race raises

money for college scholarships that will be awarded to three seniors of the graduating class at Saint Albans High School.

This year will be the fifth annual Nick Caldwell 5K Run. The event has already raised \$7,000 in scholarships over the last few years.

Campbell is said he glad that the amount of people running 5Ks have increased significantly. As the secretary of the Huntington Road Runners, Campbell said he hopes more college students will join the group and promote running and healthy living in Huntington.

Campbell said running will be his life-long hobby.

"I'm going to be that old guy that's jogging as slow as he can, but still finishing," Campbell said of his determination.

Campbell said his goal is to always live an active lifestyle, and he has hit the ground running for a good start.

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TOP 10 SINGERS WITH ONLY ONE TOP SINGLE

1. BAHAMEN
"WHO REMEMBERS 'WHO LET THE DOGS OUT'"

2. AFRO-MAN
"BECAUSE I GOT HIGH"

3. LOS DEL RIO
"MACARENA"

4. VANILLA ICE
"ICE ICE BABY"

5. DEBOLAH MORGAN
"DANCE WITH ME"

6. BLU CANTRELL
"HIT 'EM UP STYLE... OOPS"

7. MR. PRESIDENT
"COCO JAMBO"

8. NATALIE IMBRUGLIA
"TORN"

9. LAURYN HILL
"DOO WOP"

10. CARL DOUGLAS
"KUNG FOO FIGHTERS"